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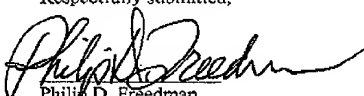
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 27, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper.